

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed November 4, 2010 has been carefully considered and this paper is Applicants' response thereto. Claims 17-22, 26 and 35-47 are pending. Claims 46-47 are new. Claims 1-16, 23-25 and 27-34 stand cancelled.

New Claims

Claims 46-47 are new. The new claims are supported by the Figures as filed (including at least Figures 1-6 and 21), thus no new matter was added. The newly added claims recite a feature previously recited in claim 17 and, as no reference was suggested to disclose such a feature, claims 46-47 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Amendments

Claims 17-22 have been amended to clarify the intended scope and now are directed toward a system that includes a first and second connector, thus allowing the recitation of a contact that is not touching an opposing terminal in a mating connector to be more readily understood. In addition, previously recited means have been amended to recite structure rather than rely on paragraph 6 of section 112. In addition, claims 35-45 were amended to correct their dependency. No new matter was added.

Cancelled Claims

Claims 25 and 27 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer so as to avoid causing the number of pending claims to exceed 20 claims and Applicants reserve the right to file similar claims in a continuation application.

Rejection of the Pending Claims

In view of the clarifying amendments made to claim 17, it is believed the objection to the drawings and the rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph are both obviated. Furthermore, it appears that as no references were cited the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

All objections and rejections being addressed, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and notice of same is earnestly sought. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation will facilitate the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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